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REMARKS

Claims 1-141 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-102 have been canceled without prejudice or surrender to the subject matter recited therein, as being directed to non-elected inventions.

The Office Action rejects claims 125-141 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In response, Applicants have cancelled claims 125-141 without prejudice or surrender of the subject matter recited therein.

The Office Action indicates that claims 103-124 are allowed.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Craig Plastrik, at 301-601-7252, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



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